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## SLOPE CONGRESS DRAWS LEADERS

The program for the Pacific Slope Congress of Congregational churches which is to be held in Tacoma, Washington, June 25-28, is rapidly taking form under the direction of Superintendent Claton S. Rice of the Washington Conference. In addition to Rev. Rockwell Harmon Potter, Dr. Wilhelm Pauck, President Swartz, and Secretary Hugh Vernon White, who were announced as speakers in the last issue of the Pacific, it is expected that other parts in the program will be under the direction of the following: Dr. Arthur E. Holt, chairman of the Council for Social Action; Rev. O. W. S. McCall who has been asked to conduct the worship services; Miss Frances Clapp of Japan; Dr. Noel J. Breed of Stockton; Rev. Norman W. Pendleton of Redwood City; Dr. Henry Kendall Booth of Long Beach; and Rev. M. R. Boynton of Chicago. Separate dinners will be held for laymen, women, and young people, the full evening being devoted to them. There will be discussion groups on church colleges, social relations, foreign missions and home missions. It is hoped that a full program will be available for the June issue.

In the meantime, pastors and laymen would do well to arrange for automobile parties to make the trip to Tacoma at the least possible expense. The June date was set in response to the requests from California ministers that they might combine attendance at the Conference with a vacation in the Northwest. It is now up to us to make good.

## ASSOCIATION ELECTS

The Pacific goes to press before three of our Association meetings are held. However, it may be well to give brief accounts of those that have thus far taken place.

San Joaquin Association was entertained by the First Church of Fresno on April 26. Officers elected for the ensuing year are: Moderator, Rev. Arthur L. Rice; Assistant Moderator, Mrs. John Stuhaan; Registrar, Rev. G. L. Brakemeyer. 1936 meeting will be held in Tulare.

The Central Association met with the First Church of Stockton on April 30. Officers for the ensuing year are: Moderator, Mrs. L. M. Drury; Vice Moderator, Rev. Glenn H. Corbin; Registrar, Rev. Noel J. Breed. The 1936 Association meeting will be held at Salida.

Loomis was the hostess church to the Sacramento Valley Association on Wednesday, May 1. Every church in the Association was represented but one. The Moderator for the coming year will be Rev. Lawrence Wilson, and the Registrar, Rev. E. O. Chapel. Reno will entertain the Association in 1936.

The Upper Bay Association met with the Rio Vista church on May 3. The attendance was small but the sessions were greatly enjoyed. Officers for the coming year are: Moderator, Rev. Harvey V. Miller; Registrar, Rev. E. W. Houlding. The 1936 Association will be held at Pittsburg.

## THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH

*The following statement of purpose was worked out by a group of Sunday School officers and teachers of the Petaluma Church. Subsequently it was adopted by the church itself, at the annual meeting held on December 5, 1934. It is submitted as a remarkably clear and worth-while code for any and every church:*

We believe the purposes of this church are, and should be:

1. To develop within its membership, by its teaching and by its ministry, the spirit which was in Christ, and which drew into His fellowship all manners and conditions of men.

2. To be to its own people the abundant source of spiritual guidance and refreshment, to emphasize the worth of worship, prayer and meditation to the individual, and to be "as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land" to its people in their time of need.

3. To impress upon its membership the need of loyalty to one another and charity towards one another's shortcomings, for it is by these virtues, or the lack of them, that the sincerity of our Christian profession is measured by the world outside.

4. To accept, as individuals, a full share of responsibility in the life and work of the church, each according to his powers.

5. To teach its young people the noble traditions of its past, and to adventure with them in the building of its future.

6. To be always aware of the needs and conditions in our own community and to be prepared to serve them according to our interpretation of Jesus' teaching.

7. To justify its existence by working, not alone for its own preservation, but by spending itself in the cause of social justice, peace and enlightenment at home and abroad, and by waging endless warfare on all forces which tend to exploit humanity and destroy personality.

### ASILOMAR NEWS

Once more the Asilomar Light has flashed. This time it brings the news that Mrs. Mabel Hill Redfield is again to be in charge of music and art at Asilomar. Her presence on the faculty was greatly appreciated by both the young people and adults a year ago. The West Bay Cacoypa group won the contest in giving suggestions for raising money to send delegates to Asilomar. The April issue of the Asilomar Light gives thirteen excellent suggestions whereby expense money can be raised. If any of our pastors or young people's leaders fail to secure a copy of Asilomar Light, the Conference office will be glad to pass on the suggestions contained in the last issue.

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An institute of International Relations is to be held at Mills College, Oakland, June 26 to July 5. The entire cost will be $25, covering tuition, board and room on the campus for the ten-day period. Senator Nye, Kirby Page, and Frederick Libby, are among those on the program. While this will directly conflict with the Pacific Slope Congress, The Pacific is glad to give notice of this very important institute, and it hopes that some who will be unable to make the trip to Tacoma will see their way clear to take advantage of the opportunity of study under such leaders.

### SCHOOL OF RELIGION TO HANDLE LIBRARIES

The experience of the Committee on Religious Education and Young People's Work of the Conference in furnishing travelling libraries to assist churches in their educational work, was very unsatisfactory. Many books were lost and there was no possibility of keeping the library moving with regularity. The books have been called in and have been deposited with the library of the Pacific School of Religion, from which they may be borrowed without cost save that of actual postage. Following is a list of books now available. Requests will be taken care of in the order received. Two books may be borrowed at once and the usual rules of the library will govern.

"The Church as a School," Harry C. Munro; "How Shall I Learn to Teach Religion?" Blanche Carrier; "Junior Method in the Church School," Marie Cole Powell; "Intermediate Method in the Church School," F. M. McKibben; "How to Teach Seniors," Erwin L. Shaver; "Teaching without Textbooks," Danielson and Perkins; "Youth and the Bible," Muriel Anne Streibert.

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## A JUDGE LOOKS AT HIS CHURCH

**Why do I attend church regularly? Primarily I do so to worship and to seek inspiration and spiritual guidance in my daily life, which cannot be well-rounded nor entirely happy if I overlook or neglect permanent values; I do so secondarily in public attestation of my firm conviction that the institution is of supreme importance—more so in this day of confusion and uncertainty than ever before. I believe in the lasting satisfactions that come from personal devotion to the mission of the church. But merely to believe in a general, abstract sort of way is not enough; I must translate my belief into the metabolism of active co-operation. And this necessitates—for me at least—regular church attendance.**

**—M. G. WOODWARD.**

The above sentiment, written by a judge of the Superior Court of San Joaquin County and president of the Board of Trustees of the Stockton church, should give encouragement to all churches and ministers. Judge Woodward stands high in the legal profession and in the esteem of the people of the city of Stockton, and his membership in the church brings to it strength of a high order.

## ANNIVERSARY AT AUBURN

The 60th anniversary of the Auburn church was celebrated on May 2 and 5. On the evening of the 2nd, about 100 people assembled in the church parlors for a most enjoyable dinner. Letters of greeting were read by the church clerk from three former ministers and from a number of lay people who had been actively identified with the church years ago but had moved away. Many of them recalled interesting and amusing incidents, and all testified to the value of the church in their own lives. Mrs. J. N. Ward read an historical paper tracing the progress of the church from its organization on May 5, 1875 down to the present. The name of Superintendent Warren of the Congregational Home Missionary Society was mentioned many times. It was he who raised the money for the first building and secured an appropriation from the Building Society, and recommended missionary aid for the early years of the existence of the church. It was not until 7 or 8 years after the organization that the church had resident pastors. A total of 13 ministers have served the church, averaging four years to the pastorate, although two of them were with the church for a total of nearly 30 years. The church had as special guests for the evening, Rev. J. D. Salmon of Weaverville, Mrs. Frank J. Greene of Petaluma, Mr. George N. White of Chicago, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill. On Sunday, May 5, the anniversary sermon was preached by Rev. Jason Noble Pierce of First Church, San Francisco. A pastor of the San Francisco church was of great assistance in helping the Auburn church in its early days. An interesting collection of photographs and other historical objects were on exhibit. To Rev. R. N. England, the pastor, is due great credit for arranging and carrying through the anniversary progam.

### THE LONG AND THE SHORT OF IT

I was wondering about long meetings.
Our minister ran overtime at church today
Five minutes.
He preached 28 minutes.
And that made one hour and five minutes' service:
Which is too much,
So some people say.
And if our preacher doesn't watch out
They'll be handing him his hat and asking him what's his hurry;
Because one hour and five minutes in church is such an outrageous long time!
I was wondering
How those folks stood it to sit three hours at the theater,
And two and a half hours at the movies;
And I never heard of a dance only an hour long,
Or a sixty-minute card party.
People seem to want to get their money's worth
When they go to shows and things.
Well, perhaps that's why they want only an hour at church,—
That's all they've paid for!
I never thought of that.

—The Wisconsin Presbyterian.

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# April Progress

The receipts for April were some $800 less than for April a year ago. This was probably due to the large number of churches that sent in remittances before the end of March in response to the special appeal to help close the year free of deficit. The totals for the first four months of the calendar year are about $700 in excess of the corresponding period of 1934. The reader will see at a glance that the Special Deficit Fund which to date totals $820, not only gives us this increase over last year, but saved us from slipping a little behind a year ago. Pastors and treasurers are urged to see that before vacation time rolls around, the churches again remit the moneys on hand to carry us through the difficult summer months.

| | April 1935 | Jan. 11 to Apr 30'35 | Jan. 11 to Apr 30'34 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Adin | $ 13.00 | $ 41.00 | $ 48.08 |
| Alameda | 36.07 | 105.81 | 68.31 |
| Alturas | ..... | 7.10 | 9.45 |
| Angels Camp | ..... | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| Antioch | ..... | 8.40 | 11.83 |
| Auburn | ..... | 25.00 | ..... |
| Benicia | 12.00 | 13.00 | 27.00 |
| Berkeley, First | 541.67 | 1624.99 | 1935.50 |
| North | ..... | 150.00 | 128.00 |
| Park | ..... | 27.30 | 30.00 |
| Campbell | ..... | 50.00 | 125.00 |
| Ceres | ..... | ..... | 18.33 |
| Cloverdale | 15.58 | 40.23 | 25.76 |
| Cotati | 8.00 | 28.00 | 9.50 |
| Crockett | 3.43 | 29.33 | 12.50 |
| Eureka | 35.00 | 95.00 | 66.00 |
| Fairfax | ..... | 15.00 | 10.00 |
| Ferndale | 12.00 | 58.16 | 72.98 |
| Fowler | ..... | ..... | 10.00 |
| Fresno, First | 37.50 | 183.20 | 167.70 |
| Pilgrim | 1.75 | 1.75 | 9.25 |
| Glenn Ellen | ..... | ..... | 1.00 |
| Grass Valley | 10.00 | 10.00 | ..... |
| Hayward | ..... | 25.00 | ..... |
| Kenwood | 10.25 | 19.60 | 8.70 |
| Likely | ..... | 5.00 | 1.32 |
| Lockeford | ..... | 7.00 | ..... |
| Lodi, First | ..... | 120.00 | 280.00 |
| Loomis | ..... | 19.35 | ..... |
| Martinez | 10.25 | 49.70 | 32.50 |
| Murphy | ..... | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| Niles | ..... | 22.20 | ..... |
| Oakland, Calvary | ..... | ..... | 5.00 |
| First | ..... | 890.82 | 1019.50 |
| Fruitvale | ..... | ..... | 1.00 |
| Pilgrim | ..... | ..... | 5.00 |
| Plymouth | ..... | 170.00 | 175.75 |
| Oroville | ..... | 65.00 | 80.00 |
| Pacific Grove | ..... | 88.25 | 105.05 |
| Palo Alto | 100.00 | 150.00 | 210.00 |
| Paradise | ..... | 70.70 | 30.00 |
| Petaluma | 66.30 | 206.61 | 279.57 |
| Pittsburg | ..... | 19.74 | 18.50 |
| Port Chicago | ..... | 2.35 | ..... |
| Porterville | ..... | ..... | 8.50 |
| Redwood City | ..... | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Reedley, Finnish | ..... | ..... | 14.00 |
| Ripon | 5.00 | 14.00 | 17.50 |
| Sacramento | ..... | 137.70 | 135.50 |
| Salida | 18.80 | 18.80 | ..... |
| San Carlos | ..... | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| San Francisco | | | |
| Beth. Msn. Pk. | 5.00 | 115.00 | 70.63 |
| First | 122.18 | 534.95 | 215.68 |
| Richmond | ..... | ..... | 9.50 |
| San Jose | 105.00 | 225.00 | 130.00 |
| San Leandro | | | |
| Broadmoor | ..... | 26.98 | 54.63 |
| San Rafael | ..... | ..... | 11.50 |
| Santa Cruz | ..... | 180.00 | 165.00 |
| Santa Rosa | ..... | 68.05 | 56.15 |
| Saratoga | ..... | 60.00 | 125.00 |
| Sebastopol | ..... | 61.24 | 69.42 |
| Sonoma | 20.20 | 33.98 | 17.15 |
| Soquel | 6.00 | 22.00 | 10.00 |
| Stockton | ..... | 139.35 | 195.36 |
| Suisun | 45.00 | 45.00 | 47.00 |
| Sunol | ..... | ..... | 30.00 |
| Tulare | ..... | 65.00 | 5.00 |
| Weaverville | ..... | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Woodside | ..... | ..... | 5.00 |
| Reno, Nevada | 3.84 | 83.11 | 49.80 |
| Miscellaneous | 110.00 | 221.00 | 171.07 |
| Special Deficit Fund | 123.00 | 820.05 | ..... |
| Total | $1476.82 | 7506.30 | 6841.47 |

## REV. CHARLES H. DAINS

Rev. Charles H. Dains passed away at his home in Phoenix, Arizona, on April 1, 1935, at the age of 74 years and 8 months. Mr. Dains was born near Detroit, Michigan. In 1880 he was married to Harriett A. Vader, who, with his three sons and nine grandchildren, survives him. Mr. Dains entered the ministry in 1891 with the Methodist church, but in 1894 was ordained in the Congregational fellowship. He studied at Oberlin College and held pastorates in Michigan, Ohio, Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona, and California. Several years ago he retired because of failing health and moved to Phoenix, Arizona, where his children live. Mr. Dains was pastor in Ripon, and later in Paradise, California, and will be remembered by many ministers and a greater number of lay people as an earnest, devoted, and effective minister of Jesus Christ. He was a member of the Masonic Order and a life member of the Knights Templar.

## RICHARD K. HAM

The Pacific regrets the oversight a month ago of a notice of the death of Mr. R. K. Ham. Mr. Ham was a graduate of Pacific Theological Seminary, and served a number of years as pastor in this Conference, but for many years past he has been in business and a man of large affairs. He was a devoted member of First Congregational Church of Oakland and active as a trustee of the Pacific School of Religion. He was stricken with illness shortly after completing a palatial home in Piedmont, and for many months before his death was almost helpless. A wide circle of friends join in extending sympathy to his wife, his children, and other members of the family.

## C. E. TOURS POPULAR

Summer tours with Christian Endeavor are becoming quite popular. This year the State organization will conduct their fourth annual Alaska Tour, July 12-26; their second annual Tour to Mexico City, August 14-28; and a most interesting Across America Tour to include International Christian Endeavor Convention in Philadelphia, leaving California, June 27th. Howard L. Brown will again conduct the Alaska Tour, and Paul C. Brown the Mexico and Philadelphia groups. These tours are not restricted to C. E. membership or young people. For illustrated folders, write to Christian Endeavor Headquarters, 301 Columbia Bldg., Los Angeles.

**BERKELEY, CHINESE**—Mr. T. T. Taam reports the largest attendance at the Easter service during his pastorate. The attendance in mid-week services and Sunday school has also increased. For the last three months, on the last Sunday of the month, Mr. Taam has preached to the young people at San Francisco.

**SALIDA**—In addition to the other improvements that have been noted in the Pacific, the church has installed screens for the Sunday school classes, curtains for the altar, and a rug for the dining room. Three new members were received on Easter Sunday. Rev. A. T. Davies is the pastor.

**OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH** — Rev. T T. Giffen, pastor, under the direction of his physician, is taking an extended rest. The church has granted him a three-month's vacation, and arrangements have been made for the supply of the pulpit. Miss Dorothy Nelson has been elected Director of Education and took up her work on May first. Eleven new members were received into the church on Easter Sunday.

**EUREKA**—The Cent-a-Meal boxes were opened at a candlelight service on Good Friday evening. Dr. J. J. Banninga of Pasumalai, India, was the guest preacher for Easter Sunday. The service was attended by the Knights Templar. Dr. Banninga has been a long-time friend of Rev. C. H. Hudson, the pastor, who was formerly in missionary work in India.

**LOOMIS**—Seventeen new members, sixteen on confession and baptisms, were welcomed on Easter Sunday. A pageant of "Women from the Bible" culminating with the women about the tomb, written by the pastor, Rev. H. J. Loken, and costumed and directed by Mrs. Loken, was given before a full house Easter evening.

**SAN FRANCISCO, CHINESE**—Easter audiences were large and the music especially fine. Twenty-two young people united with the membership of the church, twenty of whom were on confession of faith. Seventeen students of the Hip Wo School were baptized on Easter morning, nine of whom joined the M. E. church and eight united with this church. Rev. B. Y. Leong is pastor.

**BENICIA**—A splendid attendance on Easter Sunday and seven new members caused rejoicing on the part of Rev. E. W. Houlding, the pastor. It is hoped that 20 young people will go to Asilomar. Under the impetus of the Once-a-Month Club, there has been a very noticeable increase in church attendance on the part of the men.

**PORTERVILLE**—Rev. C. D. Milliken who is supplying the church for a few months as he did six years ago, reports that conditions are far better than they were at the time of his former association with the church; that the Sunday school has shown increased strength, and is manned by excellent teachers.

**AUBURN**—The Easter service was attended by the Auburn Commandery of Knights Templar. The church was crowded to the limit and people turned away. Eight children of intermediate age who had made their profession of faith, were baptized. One adult was admitted to membership.

**PARADISE**—Fifteen new members were received at Easter, six of them by letter, and the majority of the others from the Sunday School. The Cent-a-Meal boxes are bringing in more than the apportionment pledge.

**SAN CARLOS**—Seven new members were received into the church during April. The pastor, Rev. Reed B. Cherington, participated in a three-hour union service on Good Friday at Redwood City.

**RIO VISTA**—A young people's society with an attendance of 25 has been reorganized. Six new members were received into the church on Easter. Mr. Pierson Parker is serving the church as supply.

**BERKELEY, NORTH**— An annual parents' and children's banquet has become a feature of the work of the church school, the program being furnished by the children. Excellent work has been done by the newly formed evangelistic committee in securing new members. A pageant was presented Sunday evening, April 7, to a well filled church in spite of heavy rain. Rev. E. W. Benedict is the pastor.

**BIG VALLEY**—Rev. A. W. Monosmith has been invited to hold services at Bieber. The building which had been under the control of a group known as the Church of God, has now been put at Mr. Monosmith's disposal, at least for the time being. It is hoped that this will be the first step toward the unification of parish work in the entire valley.

**OROVILLE**—Eighteen young people from the church sang Easter carols at dawn, visiting twenty or more places in the city. Four Sunday school classes visited in the homes of four shut-ins, giving a story, songs and prayer. Fourteen members were received into the church, twelve of them on confession of faith. Rev. E. O. Brinkmeyer is the pastor.

**SOQUEL**—Six children were baptized and two were received into church membership at Easter time. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath, the pastor, is called upon almost constantly to speak to various community groups, and she does a great deal of pastoral calling. During her absence for a Sunday or two, Rev. J. J. Kelly, Pastor Emeritus of the church, occupied the pulpit.

**SEBASTOPOL**—On two Sundays, not counting Easter, attendance at the Sunday school was 111 and 117, and the enrollment is only 113. Five were received into the church on Easter Sunday, three of them from the pastor's Lenten class. Ten children were christened.

**CAMPBELL** — Thirty-nine Cent-a-Meal boxes yielded $62 for the first quarter of the year. The church expects to raise its entire apportionment in this manner. Twelve new members were received into the church at the Easter season.

**BERKELEY, FIRST**—In order to accomodate those desiring to attend service on Easter Sunday, two identical services were provided, one at nine and the other at eleven. Rev. O. W. S. McCall, the pastor, preached on "Purple Banners."

**AMBROSE**—Eight new members were received into the church on Easter, three by letter and five on confession of faith.


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# EASTER GAINS AND EASTER JOYS

**CALAVERAS COUNTY** — The sunrise and regular services on Easter Sunday were very well attended. A mission study group as a department of the Ladies' Aid is meeting under the direction of Mrs. Glenn Corbin. Dr. J. J. Banninga of India spoke to large audiences at both Angels Camp and Murphys on the last Sunday of April. The social hall at Angels Camp has been reroofed. The new piano is proving to be a valuable adjunct. The treasurer reports that the Angels Camp church is in the best financial condition that it has been for years. A fund is growing for the parish hall at Murphy. There is no debt on the Murphy church. During recent months the Sunday school has given many Bibles to CCC boys. Rev. Glenn Corbin is the pastor.

**FRESNO, FIRST**—Forty-two members were received on April 28 at a service long to be remembered. In a report to the San Joaquin Association, Rev. Norman Henderson pointed out that new roofs had been placed on the two Sunday school buildings, aids to hearing had been installed in the church auditorium, the morning services are attended by capacity audiences, and the evening forum which the church sponsors but which is held at the State College, had an average attendance for the season of 650, closing with 1400 listening to the Pomona College Glee Club and to the actor, Francis Lederer, in his lecture on Peace.

**RIPON**—Four Easter services were held by the church, all well attended. The newly decorated building is greatly enjoyed. New hymnals have been purchased. As a token of appreciation of the fine services rendered by the pastor, Rev. E. L. Spuller, and of the voluntary action on his part reducing his salary two years ago, a substantial increase has been given him. At the meeting of the Central Association in Stockton, Mr. Spuller was given Congregational ministerial standing, subject only to action by the Methodist Episcopal Conference. Mr. Spuller has been the beloved pastor of this church for nine years, and his coming into our fellowship will be welcomed by all who know him.

**SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW**—Following the Lenten Period the young people conducted their second annual Musical Tour Around the World, leaving California at 7:45 and returning two hours later, after having visited sixteen countries by means of vocal and instrumental selections and dances linked together by a travelogue. Proceeds from the travel charges went to the Asilomar fund. Rev. Stewart E. Locke is pastor.

**PITTSBURG**—It was the best Easter ever, according to the pastor, Rev. C. C. Champlin. Eight infants were baptized and 17 adults. Twenty-four persons united with the church, all but two on confession of faith. Six hundred forty-nine persons were in attendance at the various services on Easter day. In the evening a cantata entitled "Death and Life" was presented by the choir.

**OAKLAND, BETHANY**—Six young people united with the church on Palm Sunday, four of them by confession of faith. The Sunday school gave an Easter program, and a capacity congregation greeted the pastor, Rev. V. H. Yessayan.

**SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST**—Holy Week noon services were held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and a three-hour service on Good Friday. More than two thousand people crowded the church on Easter morning. Phillips Brooks' poem, "Tomb, Thou Shalt Not Hold Him," was sung as a hymn to music written by Jason Noble Pierce, the pastor.

A Friendly Club of Christian Endeavor, consisting of people over 35 years of age, meets each Sunday evening. A Young People's Monday Night Club has been formed, and is growing every week. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sale are the directors. Following the dinner there are two classes, one on Self Improvement and the other on Dramatics and Music.

**SONOMA**—Thirteen new members were received into the church on Palm Sunday, six of them by profession of faith. Among the number were four splendid men, one of them a prominent merchant, bringing his entire family with him. The first opening of the Cent-a-Meal boxes yielded more than $20. The parsonage lot is being beautified with lawn, shrubs, and flowers. The choir from the Sonoma church joined with that of Petaluma in giving Maunder's "From Olivet to Calvary" at Petaluma in the afternoon, and Sonoma in the evening. Rev. R. C. Day, the pastor, feels that the spirit of the church has greatly improved.

**ALAMEDA**—Rev. Gail Cleland, the pastor, is original and resourceful in his planning of Sunday evening services. Recently twelve women impersonated the twelve most notable women of history. On another evening the Passion Play in motion pictures, was shown. On still another the pastor spoke on Huey Long and Father Coughlin. Some recent Sunday morning sermon subjects were: "Where Does the Sky Begin;" "Trumpets in the Morning;" and "The Way, the Truth, and the Life."

**REDWOOD CITY**—A Fellowship of Youth has been organized, officers have been elected, and money is being raised to send a delegation to Asilomar. On the basis of the total number attending church, Redwood City won the contest with Alameda and Lodi. The protest of Rev. Norman W. Pendleton, the pastor, has had weight with the supervisors of the county in establishing sanitary camps for pea pickers along the Coast.

**PACIFIC GROVE**—Six members were added to the roll at the April communion service. During Lent, the Thursday evening meetings for fellowship and prayer were under the leadership of laymen. Special services were held during Holy Week. The young people of the church joined with other young people in furnishing a chorus for the Easter sunrise service. Rev. John H. Hunter is the pastor.

**SACRAMENTO**—The great Pioneer Church was crowded on Easter Sunday. Seven new members were received into the church at the Thursday evening communion service. Rev. Lawrence Wilson, the pastor, has received many generous letters concerning his articles in ADVANCE and THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY regarding the trial of those accused of violating the Criminal Syndicalism law.

**FRESNO, PILGRIM**—The Lord's Supper was administered on Thursday night of Holy Week, with 16 new members being received into the church, eight of whom were on confession of faith. Among the 16 were five married couples. The chapel was filled each Wednesday night during Lent when the pastor, Rev. M. G. Papazian, delivered a short sermon on some doctrine of the church. The attendance at Sunday morning worship is remarkably consistent, the average for each of the first four months of the year being in the neighborhood of 240 per Sunday, April being a little larger because of Easter. Superintendent Harley H. Gill and Secretary George N. White were special speakers on Sunday, April 28.

**ANTIOCH**—A Sunday evening open forum has been launched with Rev. Walter Morritt and Coach A. A. Stagg as the two opening speakers. The church recently was made the beneficiary of a $1000 bequest by one of its loyal members. The Wayside Pulpit, which is a series of quotations appearing on the bulletin board outside of the church, continues to attract interest and favorable comment. Ten new members are being received into the fellowship at the May communion. The pastor, Rev. H. S. Stauffer, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination July 5 to 7.

**SANTA CRUZ**—The Holy Thursday candle-light service was the largest in the history of the church, with 500 in attendance and 51 received into the membership of the church. The young people coming from Sunday School had been instructed by the pastor, Rev. H. S. Mahood, in classes held weekly during the Lenten season. About 800 people crowded the church at each service on Easter Sunday. Fourteen infants were baptized. The film, "King of Kings" was used at the evening sevice.

**LODI**—Nine children were baptized and 16 persons were received into membership, six by letter and ten on confession of faith. If percentage is the basis used, the Lodi church won the attendance contest with Redwood City and Alameda, having an average of fifty-one per cent of the membership. The three-year plan is progressing and it is hoped that at the end of the period, which will be next December, the various objectives will have been reached. The church has four young people's groups. Rev. E. T. Sherman is the pastor.

**STOCKTON**—The largest audience ever to assemble in the new church building was present on Easter morning, and another great congregation assembled in the evening for a musical service. The church has changed its fiscal year to begin May 1. A thorough study of the pledges made by the members of this church in comparison with other churches resulted in an average increase of thirty per cent in gifts.

**OAKLAND, FIRST**—A great new class of members was received at the Easter afternoon communion service, seventeen by confession and twenty-seven by letter and reaffirmation, a total of fifty-four. Following the communion service a reception for the new members was held in the social hall. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach is the pastor.

**SAN FRANCISCO—GRACE UNITED**—Evening services were held through Holy Week and at noon on Good Friday. The Men's Club of the church is sponsoring a monthly Sunday evening meeting, with a special speaker. A "Mission for Christian Service" was conducted on four nights during one week as follows: Monday, The New Deal and What it Has Done to the Standard of Living," Dr. R. B. Pettengill of Stanford; Tuesday, "The Plight of the Common Man," Dr. Ben F. Wilson, San Jose; Wednesday, "We Drift Toward War or Peace," Lt.-Commander S. F. Bryant, Palo Alto; Thursday, "The Christian's Responsibility in the Light of These Trends," Dr. Edgar A. Lowther. Rev. D. W. Throckmorton is the pastor.

**PETALUMA**—On Palm Sunday the combined choirs of the Petaluma and Sonoma churches sang "From Olivet to Calvary" by Maunder; in the afternoon at Petaluma with the solos sung by the Sonoma singers, and in the evening at Sonoma with Petaluma soloists. The Easter play, "Simon the Leper," was so well received that it was repeated by request the following Monday. On April 28th, twelve new members were received into the church as a result of the work of the Volunteer Membership Committee. Rev. R. C. Waddell is the pastor.

**BERKELEY, PARK**—Seven splendid young people were received into the church at the Maundy Thursday communion service. Others are to follow soon. A union Good Friday service was conducted by the pastors of three South Berkeley churches at the Little Chapel of the Flowers. One hundred fifty-five were in attendance at the Easter morning service, and 27 young people furnished a musical program of high order. Following the heavy duties of the week, the pastor, Rev. Tom Watt, went fishing.

**OAKLAND, PILGRIM**—The young people of the church are presenting a five-act play "The Servant in the House" on Friday, May 10th. This is part of a movement for completely underwriting the church budget for the year. The churches from Fruitvale Avenue, east, united in a Good Friday service with six ministers presenting brief meditations. A sunrise service for young people was held Easter morning in the church. Rev. Horton Colbert is the pastor.

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# WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by MRS. W. C. BLASDALE

**The Executive Meeting of the Women's Federation is held the third Thursday of every month at 10:15 A. M., at the First Congregational Church, Oakland, unless otherwise announced.**

## SPRING MEETING

About three hundred women assembled on April 24 at the Congregational Church of Redwood City for the spring meeting. The promise of an inspiring program and of a joyous fellowship was splendidly fulfilled. Mrs. Frank J. Greene presided. Cordial greetings were extended by Mrs. H. H. Duncan of the hostess church and by Mrs. Geo. E. Brown of the Santa Clara Association. Mrs. Brown reminded us that every mosaic is made up of many pieces, each in its own place, all of them together making the beautiful pattern. If every woman privileged to attend the meetings of the Federation and the Executive Committee could reflect the joy and inspiration of these meetings to those in her own group, she would be helping to make a more beautiful mosaic of our church life.

Mrs. Norman B. Henderson, president of the San Joaquin Association, reported that she had contacted during the year every church in her Association. The German, Finnish, Armenian, and Japanese churches outnumber the English speaking ones, and although small, they suggest, in their potential greatness, the parable of the mustard seed.

## DR. COOKE AND CHINA

It was a great pleasure to have Dr. Alma Cooke, in this country on furlough, address us. She is a graduate of the University of California Medical School, and all Californians are justly proud of her splendid work in the Lintsing Hospital, which serves a community of over 2,000,000 people. In accordance with the policy of the American Board, the management of the hospital is in the hands of the Chinese, and Dr. Cooke, the only American worker, is there at the request of the Chinese themselves. Although fifty-five beds, including the maternity ward, are always filled, less emphasis is being given to medical and more to social and preventive work than formerly. Trained public health workers go to the fairs which are held every five days in the larger villages, and by means of lectures, pictures, and charts, teach the crowds about care of the eyes, the menace of the fly, and how to guard against cholera. They also vaccinate against smallpox. The untrained Chinese doctors usually vaccinate by making three scratches on each arm, and since their vaccine is often impure, the results are unsatisfactory. When the trained doctors make only one scratch the Chinese are inclined to be skeptical as to its efficacy, so that progress is slow and new methods are hard to introduce.

When Dr. Cooke told the authorities of the city that the American Board was considering closing the hospital next year because of lack of means to maintain it, they at once said that it must not close, that they would raise the required sum to keep it open. Through heroic efforts the money was pledged and Dr. Cooke left for her furlough knowing that the work would still be carried on.

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A little boy reported that his mother was a Congregationalist, but his father was a seven day ABSENTIST.—The Pioneer.

## THE DOSHOSHA TODAY

Miss Frances Clapp, teacher of music at the Doshisha University in Kyoto, in a masterly fashion told of the University. It was founded sixty years ago by a Japanese Christian, and has been a Japanese rather than a missionary school. There have always been missionaries on the teaching force and on the Board of Directors, but these have been few compared to the number of Japanese. In Japan there are no free public schools above the sixth grade, so the Doshisha, like other schools, is maintained by the Japanese themselves, the American money being used to support the American teachers. There are over 4,700 students in the various schools, preparatory and collegiate, making up the Doshisha, and over 300 on the teaching staff.

The courses in Domestic Science and Music are of especial interest to the Japanese girls. They learn in the schoolroom to make the foreign dresses and the uniforms that are replacing the kimono. In the cooking classes a large place is being given to the use of foreign foods as the Japanese realize the value of a more diversified diet. Much attention is given to music. Two hours of singing a week are required in all high schools in Japan. At the Doshisha, work in piano, violin, and choral ensemble keep Miss Clapp and eight assistants more than busy. Many advanced students go to Europe for training in music.

The larger number of the women graduates marry, and after marriage they may continue to teach or hold other positions. Many are in social service work and some are entering business where their Christian standards and innate kindliness make them valuable workers.

## THE MAN AT THE WHEEL

Mr. George N. White, Secretary of the American Missionary Association in an address in which the humorous and the serious were happily blended, spoke of the need of Christian leadership for the negro people of the south. Great responsibilities rest upon the man at the wheel in these days when great speed is demanded. Where can the negro be better trained for his future work than in the Christian school and college? The lower schools founded by the church boards have now become public schools, while educational opportunities in the higher grades are furnished almost entirely by the mission schools. The American Missionary Association has eighteen of these schools of high school and collegiate rank where the negro is receiving not only instruction in academic and vocational subjects but is getting an insight into the deeper meanings of life and training for Christian leadership.

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**A new leaflet, entitled, "Magic Money," has been published by the Commission on Missions, for the purpose of assisting pastors in keeping up interest in the Cent-a-Meal boxes. It contains several brief bright paragraphs about the work being done by Congregational churches, and is available in quantities for churches to use in judicious distribution. The Conference office has a supply.**

## FRESNO IRIS FESTIVAL

The Orient came to the Occident on Saturday, April 27, when the Japanese Congregational Church of Fresno held its first Iris Festival. Beautiful stately iris blossoms were displayed in various ways to delight one's eye. Exquisitely wrought bronze vases contained the symbolic arrangement of one branch reaching downward to represent man; one bloom turning its petals sideways, typifying the wide world; and one branch towering above its fellows and pointing upward to represent the aspiration of the soul.

The occasion was also, in part, a celebration of Boys' Day. Silken banners representing skill, strength, and courage were prominently placed. The program for the afternoon and evening was varied and delightful. Piano and vocal solos, group and solo interpretive flower dances, selections from Madame Butterfly, and the playing of national Japanese musical instruments, all added great charm to a delightful program. Those participating were all members of the church and church school. The national costumes were rich and beautiful and of exquisite shades. Mrs. Kazato, the president of the women's work, presided and welcomed her guests with true Japanese hospitality. The booths were filled with articles for sale, and delicious Japanese tea and other refreshments were served.

People from neighboring towns attended and Mr. S. Nakayama and the members of the church are most sincerely to be congratulated on the success of the delightful affair.

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### ONE HUNDRED YEARS YOUNG

The 100th birthday was celebrated April 26 by Mrs. Sarah W. Stevens, who is the mother of the late Rev. Clarence H. Stevens of Redwood City. She makes her home with another son, Mr. Everett L. Stevens, in San Francisco. Mrs. Stevens was born in Hartford, Conn., but has been a resident of California since 1908. She retains her powers of mind and sunny disposition, and enjoys reasonably good health. She and her husband were mainstays of several small churches in Nebraska. She was a member of the First Church of Oakland during the pastorate of Dr. F. J. Van Horn, and is now a member at Redwood City. The entire family of Pacific readers join in extending congratulations and wishes for further happy returns of the day.

## New World Service Stories

Three delightful stories were written by Miss Helen M. Perkins for our World Service Sunday Schools. As is well known, the American Board furnishes missionary stories for the Sunday schools in autumn; the Home Board in the winter; and the state Conferences in the spring. The stories which Miss Perkins prepared are graded. "The Magic Penny" is for the Beginners and Primary children; "John Learns About the NCCC" is for the Juniors; and "Hands that Stretch Out to Give " for Intermediates, Seniors and Young People.

An intensive effort is being made to enroll as "World Service Schools" the sixty or more churches not on the list. All that is required is to sign the application, furnish names of correspondents to receive material, and the promise to use it regularly in opening exercises or in the classes of the several departments. Further information can be given by the Conference office.

## Asilomar Pledges

Last year at Asilomar the delegates from a number of young people's organizations made pledges to the regular benevolence apportionment. A number of the societies have paid their pledges but more have neglected to do so. This matter ought to be attended to before the summer conference. Will pastors and counsellors please check up with the officers of their societies and last year's delegates to see whether or not pledges have been paid? The Conference office is, of course, able to give the information to anyone inquiring, but in deference to all concerned will not print the names of those delinquent.

## Truly Interdenominational

President Swartz has reported that the Pastoral Conference was attended by a large number of ministers, and that 404 of these had registered, indicating denominations as follows: Methodist Episcopal 117, Congregationalist 88, Disciple 52, Presbyterian 39, Baptist 31, Episcopal 30, Evangelical 11, Methodist Episcopal, South, 4, Free Methodist 3, Brethren 5, Lutheran 2, Seventh Day Adventist 2, Universalist 1, Friend 1, Roman Catholic 1, New Jerusalem (Swedenborgian) 1, not stated 16.


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